

111TH CONGRESS
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To clarify the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DEMINT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To clarify the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fixed Indexed Annu-
5 ities and Insurance Products Classification Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) Primary jurisdiction for regulating life in-
2 surance and annuities is vested with the States and
3 Territories of the United States and the District of
4 Columbia.

5 (2) Indexed insurance and annuity products of-
6 fered by insurance companies are subject to a wide
7 array of laws and regulations enforced by States and
8 applicable jurisdictions, including nonforfeiture re-
9 quirements that provide for minimum guaranteed
10 values, thereby protecting consumers against market
11 related losses.

12 (3) Adoption of Rule 151A by the Securities
13 and Exchange Commission, entitled “Indexed Annu-
14 ities and Certain Other Insurance Products”, 74
15 Fed. Reg. 3138 (January 16, 2009), interferes with
16 State insurance regulation, harms the insurance in-
17 dustry, reduces competition, restricts consumer
18 choice, creates unnecessary and excessive regulatory
19 burdens, and diverts Commission resources, all of
20 which outweighs any perceived benefits.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to nullify
22 rule 151A and clarify the scope of the exemption for annu-
23 ities and insurance contracts from Federal regulation
24 under the Securities Act of 1933.

1 **SEC. 3. SCOPE OF EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL SECURITIES**
2 **REGULATION.**

3 Section 3(a)(8) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15
4 U.S.C. 77c(a)(8)) is amended by inserting before the semi-
5 colon the following: “, and any insurance or endowment
6 policy or annuity contract or optional annuity contract—

7 “(A) the value of which does not vary ac-
8 cording to the performance of a separate ac-
9 count; and

10 “(B) which satisfies standard nonforfeiture
11 laws or similar requirements of the applicable
12 State, Territory, or District of Columbia at
13 time of issue, or in the absence of applicable
14 standard nonforfeiture laws or requirements,
15 satisfies the Model Standard Nonforfeiture Law
16 for Life Insurance or Model Standard Nonfor-
17 feiture Law for Individual Deferred Annuities,
18 or any successor model law, as published by the
19 National Association of Insurance Commis-
20 sioners”.

21 **SEC. 4. NULLIFICATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL SECURITIES**
22 **REGULATIONS.**

23 Rule 151A promulgated by the Securities and Ex-
24 change Commission and entitled “Indexed Annuities and
25 Certain Other Insurance Contracts”, 74 Fed. Reg. 3138
26 (January 16, 2009), shall have no force or effect.